

DR. MACARTHUR LEAVES CALVARY

RESIGNS FROM PASTORATE AFTER 41 YEARS.

His Letter of Resignation Read at Congregational Meeting Last Night. Feels He Ought to Quit Before Decay of His Powers Sets In, He Says in It.

The pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Robert Stuart MacArthur, which had been continuous over the Calvary Baptist Church of this city for a few months more than forty-one years, came to an end last night when his congregation, assembled in the church chapel on East Fifty-seventh street, accepted without a dissenting vote his letter of resignation.

The vote was a silent one and it was not taken until many of the older members of the congregation had arisen and spoken in voices that scarcely masked the strain of emotion at the loss which their pastor's decision to retire had imposed upon Calvary Church. The resolutions embodying the acceptance of Dr. MacArthur's resignation also made it the sense of the congregation that he should be pressed to accept the office of pastor emeritus of the church. By agreement between Dr. MacArthur and the board of deacons of the church his pastorate was made to cease with the acceptance of his letter of resignation.

Though Dr. MacArthur's contemplated step was no surprise to the majority of the congregation there were few who knew that more than a year ago their pastor had prepared the letter which was read to them last night. A second letter, told the church members that he had only withheld the presentation of his resignation a year ago because of the urgent appeals of influential members. The retiring clergyman gave as his only reason for retiring his conviction that it was best for him to relinquish his post while he was still in the prime of his mental faculties. Too many pastors, he said, made the mistake of lingering in their posts, made honorable by youthful efforts, long after they had passed the period of their greatest usefulness.

The chapel was well filled with members of Calvary Church when the Rev. Donald MacIntyre, assistant pastor, opened the prayer and song service. Special letters to every member of the congregation urging their attendance upon a meeting whose purpose should be to consider an important communication from the pastor had brought out the unusually large number. No mention of the important business of the meeting was made until after the praise service and routine business of the congregation had been finished. Then Mr. MacIntyre said that he had to read a communication from Dr. MacArthur.

There was a good reason why the pastor himself was not present on this occasion, he said. Dr. MacArthur could not trust himself to deliver in person the message he had for his people. Then Mr. MacIntyre read the letter, which was dated September 9, 1911.

On March 9, 1970, you called me to be your pastor while I was still a student at the Rochester Seminary," the letter began. "On Sunday, May 15 of that year, the first Sunday after my graduation, I assumed my active duties as pastor of Calvary. On Sunday, May 15, 1910, the congregation celebrated the fortieth year of my pastorate. Reports of the church showed that in those forty years 5,000 persons had been received into the fellowship of the church; that 2,300 edifices had been erected and paid for at the expense of \$25,000; that 2,300 members were on our church roll and that more than \$2,000,000 had been laid on the altar of charity and benevolence."

After stating that his purpose to present his resignation immediately after the celebration of the fortieth year of his pastorate had been altered by the earnest pleas of many in the church, Dr. MacArthur's letter continued:

"With full faith that God will bless this church in the future as He has in the past, I now give up the pastoral office, severing the pastoral tie which has been great and I faintly appreciate the sorrow of Jesus at Gethsemane. The best of my brain, the best of my strength, the best of my soul has gone into this structure, both material and spiritual. Next to my love for my Lord and my family, and my love for my people, Calvary is my life. I close my pastorate with an unkind thought for a human being and with affection for every memory of the years that have gone. I resign not because of the consequences of physical disability, nor the failing of mental power, nor lack of spiritual faith, nor because of any dissonance in my flock. Observation shows that many men who have broken up their continuing even to the end of their physical ability and to the approach of senility." Dr. MacArthur closed his letter with the expression of his sincere hope that no long period would intervene between the acceptance of his resignation and the selection of a new pastor to fill the pulpit of Calvary. He urged upon the deacons that they should select with cordiality in the selection of a new man and not give themselves to the weary task of reviewing pros and cons for a long period. "I have no more to say," he said, "but I feel that I am a long pastorate less period should intervene after my resignation."

In the second letter, written by Dr. MacArthur he mentioned the fact of his election as president of the World Alliance of the Baptist Church, saying that he gave him the opportunity to achieve the crowning work of his life. Among other plans that he had was to go to St. Petersburg shortly, he added, and in his new capacity as head of the World Baptist Church to introduce with cordiality for a greater measure of religious freedom for the Christians in Russia.

After the resolutions accepting Dr. MacArthur's resignation had been presented by the congregation the Rev. Mr. MacIntyre announced that Dr. MacArthur would preach at both morning and evening services next Sunday.

GIRL HAD "CERTIFIED" CHECK.

Swindled New Orleans Bank Out of \$150 With Latest Popular Scheme.

New Orleans, Sept. 22.—A young woman who posed as the daughter of H. C. Pullman, a director of the Citicorp bank, and as the niece of the late George H. Pullman, has swindled the Whitney Central National Bank by means of a forged certified check.

Detectives are now seeking her and her confederates, as it is believed she was the agent of an organized gang. The girl, who seemed only 20, scraped an acquaintance with three well known young men in the Italian Gardens of the St. Charles Hotel, where she was occupying the best room in the house, and later got one of them to vouch for her at the Whitney Central, the second largest bank of New Orleans.

BOY DIDN'T DO MURDER.

Proved That He Couldn't Have Killed the Man Found in Boxcar.

Isaac Weiss, the sixteen-year-old boy who told the Newark police that he accidentally shot the man whose body was found in an empty freight car in the Waverly yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad, admitted yesterday that he had lied. Weiss said that the policeman who arrested him scared him so badly that he made up a "confession."

The Newark detectives didn't take much stock in young Weiss's story to begin with, but after Weiss insisted he was telling the truth and after he had gone with them to the railroad yards and pointed out where the freight car stood they began to think he might be the man they wanted.

Then information came from the New York police that upset Weiss's story. A detective went to 204 East 110th street, where Weiss lives with his father and mother, and learned that the boy had been home on Tuesday night and that he hadn't left home until 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning. His story to the Newark police was that he had spent Tuesday night at a jewelry store, and that he had been home on Tuesday night and that he hadn't left home until 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning. He said he was on Tuesday evening, went home and gave his mother \$3. He slept at home that night and started for work at 7 o'clock on Wednesday morning. He didn't go to work because his employers had discharged him and he didn't return home.

Weiss's admission left the Newark detectives up in the air. They had not been able to find the lame, stout tramp who was seen on Tuesday night with the unidentified man and nobody has been able to identify the man's body.

Weiss will be held a few days on a charge of perjury while the police investigate his movements more fully.

BALLOT BOXES OPENED.

Court Finds a Way to Get at Baltimore Primary Frauds.

Baltimore, Sept. 22.—The Grand Jury, which has been investigating primary election frauds in one precinct, got an order from Judge Duffy to-day to open the ballot box and count the votes of each candidate.

Presentments were promptly drawn and indictments of the judges and the clerks of the election precinct followed. The officials were arrested last evening and released under \$2,000 bail each.

While the Grand Jury was counting the ballots Senator Gorman, who owns the Baltimore Evening Sun, was taken into consultation with Democratic lawyers with the view of finding a method whereby the court could consider a petition to open all the ballot boxes without providing a finding prima facie evidence of fraud in each, the law making no provision for such a contingency as has arisen. A difference of opinion as to the propriety of such a course was the result until to-morrow morning.

Meanwhile, however, the court found a way and the announcement was made that the primary election frauds in the precinct organization had sent out marked ballots, which is forbidden by law, these were prima facie evidence of conspiracy, and based on this Judge Duffy will instruct the jury to-day that all of the ballot boxes may be opened.

PARSONS IN PRIMARY FIGHT.

Writes That Louis Friedel Is Unfit for District Leadership.

Herbert Parsons, former president of the Republican county committee, has jumped into the primary fights. In a letter he sent yesterday to David Goldstein, who is seeking to wrest the leadership of the Eighth Assembly district from Louis Friedel, he said that Mr. Friedel was "wholly unfit" for the leadership of the district and "a disgrace to the party."

Commenting last night on this letter Mr. Friedel said:

"I don't know what Parsons means. Perhaps he is referring to the fact that I asked for plans for my followers. Of course I don't want to break up the party. Mr. Parsons has turned on me particularly as at one time he suggested that I should take a nomination for Congress. Mr. Parsons refused to give me a nomination for Congress and he knows of my district since 1893 and he knows of the victories I have helped to win for the Republican party in this district."

CANT FIND 8,500 VOTERS.

Sample Primary Ballots Mailed to Them in New Jersey Come Back.

City Clerk Michael I. Fagan of Jersey City said yesterday that 8,500 envelopes containing sample primary ballots mailed by election boards to supposed voters whose names appear on the registry lists have been returned to him from New Jersey City post office as "undelivered." The envelopes had been marked "not found" or "removed" by letter carriers. In New Jersey a vote cannot be cast in a speech at St. Patrick's Hall in Jersey City on Thursday night Gov. Wilson of New Jersey said:

"When you get the full figures of the return from New Jersey you will know something of what the intention of the German bill, namely that real men should vote, that they should vote and that they should vote and only their votes should be counted."

FIFTY HORSES ON RAMPAGE

COAL YARD STRIKERS IN TAXI ASSAULT HOSTILES.

Five Men in Cab Give Battle to Forty and Stampede Cavalcade of Equines in Tenth Avenue—Victims of Assault Abandon the Frightened Animals.

Fifty husky truck horses rampaged afternoon when two score strike breakers to whom was entrusted the task of driving the horses from the Jersey City yards of Burns Bros., dealers in coal, to the New York yard of the company, where there is no strike, abandoned the animals on the second attack of a party of five strikers. The horses ran around loose for half an hour, until the strike breakers, their courage restored when twenty policemen appeared, finally corralled the lot, which had scattered over a radius of ten blocks in Tenth avenue.

The teamsters in the Jersey City yards of Burns Bros. have been on strike for two weeks and have made some violent demonstrations. Yesterday afternoon the company decided that the best way to protect their movable property would be to bring horses and trucks to the New York yards at 538 West Thirty-eighth street.

So the fifty horses, with forty strike breakers hired for the purpose, came over the Christopher street ferry yesterday afternoon and proceeded up Tenth avenue. Nothing happened until the cavalcade reached Fifteenth street, when a taxicab containing five men dashed around the corner and into the ranks of the horses. The men busied themselves hurling stones, bottles and sticks at the men and animals, while the driver of the taxicab butted at the horses he could with the head of the machine, creating a panic among the quadrupeds. The forty strike breakers in a body dropped the halters they were holding and ran for shelter. The horses then scattered in different directions.

One of the strike breakers was felled by a stone before the men in the taxicab had doubled on their tracks, run again through the disorganized cavalcade, causing more panic, and disappeared down Eighteenth street. Dr. Howard of New York Hospital patched up the eye of the injured man, Peter Gluck, who was hit in the head. Gluck was glad to leave the parade.

It took the forty men twenty minutes to decide that they were safe and then they went to get the horses and bring them together. At length, assured that the battle was all over, they continued north. They had hardly got to Thirty-first street when the same taxicab bore down upon them, this time from the south. It is described as a white body and glass sides and the number the police got is 9008. Through the herd of horses it sped, only stopping to shove a single, big gray horse of its pins. The men within had armed themselves with another large supply of bottles, sticks and stones. If they didn't aim for a horse they crashed them at some one who would rather be elsewhere. Ten of the forty were hit before all the strike breakers had scuttled away.

The first indication the police got that there was a second fray in progress was when most of the forty, breathless, stuck in the door of the Thirty-seventh street police station in an effort to reach the horses' deck, inside of a half hour. Lieut. Sweeney heard the story he sent twenty of the reserves back with them to Thirty-first street. But the men in the taxicab were not to be deterred. They were scattered from Twenty-fifth street to Thirty-fifth and east and west from North River to Eighth avenue. With the policemen to guard them the forty managed to get the horses back in a single pack and drive them to the yard. The services of an ambulance surgeon were again needed after the second melee. The taxicab driver, who was badly hurt, had his head broken and his face badly cut by a thrown bottle.

STRANGE STORY OF KILLING.

Physician Says He Was Lured to Deserted House by Man He Shot.

Chicago, Sept. 22.—Dr. William H. Falke, a prominent physician, to-day shot and killed Emil Dignos, a supposed bandit, formerly a foreign correspondent for a packing company. Dr. Falke says he was lured to a deserted tumble-down building at 631 Hamilton avenue by Dignos.

Although the police found diamonds, a gold watch and money belonging to Dr. Falke on the dead man's person, the robbery theory was attacked by Mrs. H. P. Hogue, at whose home Dignos roomed. She said Dignos was a model young man, not a robber.

Dr. Falke's story was that Dignos lured him to the building on the pretense that his uncle was there dying. The physician said that when he reached the place Dignos drew a revolver and forced him to turn over his valuables.

When Dignos ordered him to leave he seized the man about the neck and a struggle ensued.

"We both fell to the floor," Dr. Falke said, "with Dignos clutching his revolver. I managed to keep his right hand, which held the revolver, from reaching my chest until I succeeded in taking the weapon from him. It was while we were in another clinch on the floor that I discharged the revolver. The bullet entered his brain and killed him."

ELMER F. WOODBURY FAILS.

Manager of the Hotel Belvedere Files a Personal Bankruptcy Petition.

Elmer F. Woodbury, the manager of the Hotel Belvedere, at Broadway and Seventy-seventh street, filed a petition in bankruptcy yesterday with liabilities of \$125,297 and no available assets. Of the liabilities \$90,000 grew out of the purchase of the Belvedere from Albert Keen in 1910, of which \$23,000 were notes given to Mr. Keen and \$67,000 were, it is said, debts of Mr. Keen which Mr. Woodbury assumed as part of the purchase price of the hotel. Mr. Woodbury contracted liabilities of \$5,850 for supplies while he kept the hotel and a penalty of \$200 for violation of the State game law is included in the liabilities.

This is a personal failure. The hotel will keep on under the management of the Belvedere Hotel Company, which Mr. Woodbury formed when he took over the property from Mr. Keen.

Mr. Woodbury had been a hotel manager for ten years in Pasadena, Cal.

GIRL HELD FOR FRAUD.

Dorothy Palmer Alleged to Have Obtained Goods in Woman's Name.

WANTS DIVORCE TRIAL HERE.

Mrs. Almerin Martin Answers Husband's Petition Filed in New Jersey.

TRENTON, N. J., Sept. 22.—Almerin Martin of New York, Atlantic City and Philadelphia has filed a petition in the Court of Chancery of New Jersey for a divorce from his wife, Cecilia Woodburn Martin of New York. Mrs. Martin has filed an answer to her husband's suit here, averring that her suit for divorce now pending in the New York Supreme Court was started first and that the New York court has jurisdiction in the matter. Statutory defenses are cited in both suits, the wife naming two women. In his answer to his wife's charges Martin denies a denial and says his wife frequently removed the bed clothing from him early in the morning before he had risen. He also claims that she threw stones at his face. Mrs. Martin denies the charges.

On August 21 and 22 last stories were printed that Mrs. Martin, while living in Atlantic City, had been shot and killed. A 32 calibre bullet from her shoulder.

Mrs. Martin filed a suit for separation on August 27 last. In her petition she said that she was married to Almerin Martin in 1904. She said that her husband had an income of \$50,000 a year and that he had promised to pay her \$10,000 a year alimony. She also alleged that her husband derived some of his income from gambling houses in Atlantic City. She asked for a divorce and a month's alimony by Judge Graham, who got 26, pending the adjudication of her suit.

BURGLAR TELLS ON HIMSELF.

He Wanted Man Who Was Kind to Him to Get Credit of Obtaining Confession.

SOUTH ORANGE, N. J., Sept. 22.—After the county clerk had filed in their efforts to get a confession from a burglar locked up here since Monday, when he was caught trying to escape from a house in the village, the man to-day confessed to Marshal Maguire, saying he did so because the marshal had been kind to him and he wanted him to "get the credit." He was locked up under the name of Thomas Dorsey, but says he is Thomas Egan and that he is a professional burglar.

Egan said that he has spent more time behind the bars than in front of them since he took up his profession, having served twenty-one years and two months in prison.

In the course of his story Egan said he was arrested in 1883 in Brooklyn for burglary and that Charles Stevens spent seven years and a half in Sing Sing, October, 1897, he went in again for assault in the third degree, did a year and was fined \$500. He had not been out four years when he was caught for a burglary, a burglary and got three years and six months. Good behavior won him a year and a half of that sentence, but he was captured again in a job in Jamaica, L. I., and sent back for nine years. He got out last April.

Egan says he is 62 years old and a printer by trade.

WANTS \$25,000 FOR WIFE.

Chicago Man Accuses Another of Taking Her Off to Europe.

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—Emil W. Strauss, a partner in the firm of Strauss, Eisenhardt & Co., clothing manufacturers, was sued to-day for \$25,000 damages by Charles A. Patterson. Patterson alleges that Strauss had seduced his wife, Mrs. Gertrude S. Patterson, in February, 1909. Patterson was married at Carmel-by-the-Sea, Cal., October 1, 1908. Four months later Strauss seduced his wife. Strauss, the declaration says, taking passage on the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse at New York. They were in Paris for some time, it is alleged. On March 1, 1910, Strauss and his wife left Paris and were in Chicago together during July, the declaration adds.

New Postal Savings Depositories in This State.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—The following offices in New York were to-day designated for the opening of postal savings depositories on October 23: Croton Falls, Brewster, Katonah, Holley, Valhalla, Port Henry, Hermon, Witherbee, Victor, Fishers Island, Marlus, Sayville, Spring Valley, Stillwater and Millerton.

The Late Senator Carter's Will.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—The will of the late ex-Senator Thomas H. Carter was filed here for probate to-day. To Julia C. Lang, a sister, is bequeathed \$50 a month for life. The residue of the estate is to be divided equally among Carter's widow, during her life, and at her death it is to go to John G. Carter and Hugh T. Carter, their sons. The will does not indicate the value of the estate.

Movements of Naval Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Arrived—Cruiser Dixie at Newport News, tug Uncas at Norfolk, battleships Michigan and Delaware at New York, destroyers Walke and Trippe at Newport, collier Nero at Tompkinsville, collier Erie at New York, transport Annapolis at Honolulu, destroyers Whipple, Hopkins, Hull, Truxtun, Paul Jones, Preble, Stewart, Lawrence, Farragut and Rowan at San Pedro. Left—The transport Annapolis for New York, dispatch boat Dolphin from New York for Newport.

Army and Navy Orders.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—These army orders were issued to-day: Second Lieut. John J. Ross, Philippine Scouts, from treatment at the general hospital at the point of San Francisco, to the general hospital at his home, where for his own convenience he is authorized to wait further orders. Passed Assistant Paymaster J. H. Gunnell, Norfolk Navy Yard, as assistant to General Staff, from the active service on September 21 is announced.

These navy orders were issued: Commander R. E. Conant, to bureau of navigation, from the active service on September 21 is announced. Lieutenant Commander C. W. Cole, from Naval Academy, to the active service on September 21 is announced. Passed Assistant Paymaster J. H. Gunnell, Norfolk Navy Yard, as assistant to General Staff, from the active service on September 21 is announced.

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AIRMEN READY FOR MEET

TUNE UP MACHINES FOR BIG CONTEST TO-DAY.

Wright Has Licensed the Meet and May Send Men to Compete. The Air Line Postal Service to Be a Feature—Army and Navy Aviators Are to Fly.

Everything is in shape for the aviation meet that opens at the Nassau Boulevard aerodrome this afternoon. Many aviators were out tuning up their machines for the events of to-day. Both Atwood and Beatty took passengers for rides. Beatty carried Miss Harriet Quimby, the woman aviator, for a cross-country trip to the Minerva field and return. Grahame-White in his "baby" biplane and Sopwith in a Wright machine were doing speed sprints. Dr. Henry Walden made qualifying flights for a pilot's license in order to be able to compete in the nine days race.

Capt. Paul W. Beck of the Eighteenth Infantry, U. S. A., arrived yesterday to get his Wright biplane in shape for his mail carrying experiments. A post office tent has been erected in the field and is in charge of a force of clerks authorized by the chief post office inspector. It was said that "Postman" Beck will be prepared to deliver 20,000 letters in his five day trip. Deliveries will be made at Minerva, Garden City, Jamaica and other nearby towns.

All mail carried by the air route will bear two special stamps. One reads "Aerial Mail" and the other "Aerial Postal Delivery." Undoubtedly many people will take advantage of this opportunity to send souvenir cards to their out of town friends.

It is also expected that there will be exhibitions of air scouting and bomb throwing by the army and navy aviators. Lieut. C. B. Hooton of the Twenty-ninth Infantry, with a corps of thirty-nine men, will be in charge of the pylons and the signalling and patrolling.

The Wright brothers would license the meet and would send men to compete in the events. This dispelled any fear the aviators may have had that the Ohio inventors might make trouble for them. A few days ago it was remarked that it was not known whether the Wrights would send aviators or whether they would sue.

CAUGHT AFTER THREE YEARS.

Morris Luban, Charged With Forgery, Captured After Transcontinental Chase.

Morris Luban, who lived at 902½ Gates avenue, Brooklyn, until the Pinkertons got him three years ago, was arrested last night at West Third and Mercer streets, Manhattan, where he had gone to meet his wife. The latter still lives at the Gates avenue address and has received mail from her husband from time to time as he zigzagged across the continent and back again. He is charged with grand larceny and forgery.

The arrest was made by Detective Allen Donnelly of the Pinkerton agency, assisted by Detectives Seleske and Burke, who are attached to the Stagg street precinct and have had the case in their books ever since Luban disappeared on July 14, 1908, leaving a forfeited bail bond of \$1,500 behind him. He had been arrested on complaint of the Broadway branch of the North Side Bank and arraigned in the Manhattan avenue court.

The charge against Luban is that he got \$355 from the bank between July 3 and 8, 1908, by forging indorsements to checks that he had stolen from letter boxes. Luban was arrested on July 3, 1908, on the name of L. J. Lemoni. Luban, the detectives say, deposited a good check for \$24.62 on that date as a means of introduction and followed it up with other checks the total value of which amounted to \$1,322.45. These checks were good to all appearance, but the bank was soon advised that payment had been stopped on them. They had been stolen and falsified.

Luban was locked up in the Adams street station house pending arraignment in the Manhattan avenue court to-day.

STRIKE ON NEW HOTEL.

Workmen Leave the Vanderbilt in Sympathy for Marble Men.

A replacing of striking marble workers with new men at the new Vanderbilt Hotel, Fourth avenue and Thirty-third street, resulted yesterday in a sympathetic strike of the other building mechanics at work there. New men have been put to work on the Vanderbilt and on other buildings, but the Vanderbilt Hotel was chosen for the first sympathetic strike, it is said, because it was to be opened in October. It is expected that the strike will continue and is being hurried to completion.

About 500 men in sixteen trades quit work on the new building, including plumbers, the layers, carpenters, electricians, iron workers, painters, steamfitters and waterproofer. The strike was declared in the afternoon through the Building Trades union. Strikes of the same kind on other buildings are expected.

THE REV. T. G. LITTELL DEAD.

He Had Been in Ministry for 52 Years and Served First Parish 37.

The Rev. Thomas Gardiner Littell, D. D., a retired Episcopal clergyman and a trustee of the General Theological Seminary of New York, died at his home, 147 Park avenue, Yonkers, yesterday morning. He was 72 years old and had served in the ministry for fifty-two years.

Dr. Littell was born in Germantown, Pa., and was educated in the schools of Philadelphia and in the General Theological Seminary of New York. He was graduated in 1859 and was ordained the same year. His first parish was in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where he served as rector for twenty-seven years. He left there to come to New York, where he was the head of the New York City Mission for twenty years. Then he founded and built the Church of the Holy Trinity at Jefferson, N. H. He retired three years ago.

He is survived by a wife and six children. One of his sons is a missionary in China, another is the rector of St. John's Church, Wilmington, Del., and the other is a practicing physician in Yonkers. Three daughters live at home.

Obituary Notes. William Henry Hinckman, a former merchant of New York, died at the Newport Hospital yesterday. He was in his eighty-ninth year and had been ill for some time. He was born in New York and was a member of the Episcopal Church. He was a graduate of the University of the City of New York and died in New York.

BATTERY PARK FOR GAMES.

Mass Meeting Last Night to Emphasize Movement for Downtown Boys.

A mass meeting was held at the concert stand in Battery Park last evening for the purpose of securing the park for the use of the boys of the lower wards of the city.

Many well known men who have interested themselves in the scheme were present to address an audience of fully a thousand men, women and children of the lower section of the city who were greatly in favor of the project. Among the speakers were State Senator James G. McClelland, Congressman Daniel Riodan and the pastors of the three churches in the downtown section, who are doing their best to help in the movement.

The speakers advanced the argument that the only park in the downtown section used for athletics is Seward Park, at Jefferson and Canal streets, and that besides being entirely too far from the Battery Seward Park is already overcrowded.

Before the meeting a parade was held of 500 boys, including fifty Boy Scouts, with lighted torches and banners bearing the inscriptions "Our motto, a sound mind in a sound body," and "We demand what other parts of the city have."

Alfred R. Conklin offered the boys prizes for the first set of games if they shall be successful in getting the park as an athletic ground.

A committee of twelve business men was appointed to call on Mayor Gaynor at the earliest possible date.

PARROT IN LITIGATION.

Woman Fails to Establish Claim to Bird Missing Fifteen Months.

"Mamma, mamma, kiss me." The verbal osculatory invitation floated out from a bakery at 342 East Eleventh street and tingled the ears of Mrs. Rosie Magnotti of 231 East Tenth street, who was passing by, for it seemed to her that she knew the voice and that it belonged to Putech, her parrot, long loved and lost a while—fifteen months ago, in fact—when it had flown out of the window away from a comfortable home and never returned.

All this Mrs. Magnotti told to Magistrate O'Connor yesterday in Essex Market court, pointing to Antonio Veniove, the keeper of the bakeshop at 342 East Eleventh street, whom she had had served with a summons to appear in court and explain how he came into possession of Putech.

Questioned by Assistant District Attorney Medalle as to how she could identify the bird, Mrs. Magnotti said that during the four years she had it she had taught it things to say in German and English—to call her husband, an Italian, "Alphonse," for instance. Also under her tutelage it had learned to sing before I went to a mirror and deliver a monologue to its reflection. Furthermore, she had of it a picture taken with herself, and a bunch of tail feathers plucked in memoriam. "I knew it was Putech before I went to the shop last Wednesday," Mrs. Magnotti said, "but I was sure of it when I got inside and looked him over."

Did Putech recognize you?" she was asked.

"How could he after being so long time away," was the answer. "Oh, and how he has suffered from neglect since he hasn't had me to look after him. I even used to drink coffee out of my mouth."

Veniove for his part told the Magistrate that he had bought the parrot from a bird peddler and had paid \$15 for it.

Magistrate O'Connor dismissed the case and told Mrs. Magnotti to seek redress in the civil courts.

FREIGHTER SUNK IN FOG.

Two Steel Trunk Line Ships Collide in St. Clair River.

PORT HURON, Mich., Sept. 22.—The steel steamer Joliet was sunk in the St. Clair River early to-day when the steamer Henry Phipps, another big steel hull, rammed her and tore a big hole in her starboard side. The Phipps was damaged but did not sink. First reports had both vessels at the bottom and sixteen men were rescued.

There was a dense fog at the time. The crews of both ships were thrown from their lunks as the vessels crashed together without warning. Both boats were laden to the rails with iron ore.